

REMARKS

A Restriction Requirement was mailed in the present case on February 10, 2006. Since this response is being timely submitted, no further fee is thought to be due at this time. If any additional fee is due for the continued prosecution of this application, please charge the same to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 50-2555 (Whitaker, Chalk, Swindle & Sawyer, LLP).


The Examiner has required restriction between apparatus Claims 1-3, classified in class 138, subclass 143, and method Claims 4-9, classified in class 205, subclass 283. Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Claims 1-3, without traverse and without prejudice toward filing a divisional application containing withdrawn Claims 4-9. Claims 4-9 have accordingly been withdrawn from prosecution.

Applicant has added new apparatus Claims 10-16 which add further details to the apparatus features of the invention. Since only two independent claims remain in the case, no additional claims fee is thought to be due.

The above remarks and amendments to the claims are thought to fully address the outstanding office action in the case. An early examination on the merits of the case would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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